Non-inclusion of drugs for Diabetes and Malnutrition under the Price Control Order

1078. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that control of blindness is a part of the National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per the Drug Policy decision all National Health Programmes and drugs required for control of diseases under these programmes would be covered under price control to make them available at reasonable prices;

(c) what are the reasons for which drugs required for control of diabetes and drugs for malnutrition were not recommended for inclusion under this programme;

(d) what is the policy and criteria were adopted for inclusion of drugs under each programme;

(e) whether Government have appointed any expert Committee to identify the drugs for these programmes;

(f) if so, what were the details of guidelines: and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor and on what basis the drugs were identified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) Although recommendations were sought from Ministry of Health for drugs required under various National Health Programmes, drugs for 6 National Health Programmes have been enlisted under Category-I by the Department of Chemicals as per criteria evolved by them.

(c) Diabetes and malnutrition do not figure in the 11 identified National Health Programmes

Exclusion of Drugs required for Diabetes and Mentral Health Diseases from Price Control

1079. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the date when Diabetes an mental health diseases were exclude from Nation[illegible] Programmes;

(b) whether it is a fact that Diabete is one of the main causes for blindness;

(c) whether it is also a fact that if, order to control blindness diabetes is to be controlled; and

(d) if so, on what basis drugs quired for these diseases were no recommended for price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE. (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Diabetes and mental health diseases have not been part of National Health Programmes. However, they were started as separate programmes from the year 1986-87.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Drugs required for 8 out of 11 identified National Health Programmes were recommended to the Department of Chemicals for price control under the Drug Price Control Order 1987. Diabetes and mental health did not form a part of these eleven identified National Health Programmes.

Therapeutic Indication of Folio Acid Vitamin A and Ferrous Sulphate

1080. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the principal drugs used for the control of STD and for National Family Welfare